



District 5610 Gearing Up



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Make Dreams Real by DG Vivian Adams

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary,

May is one of the very few months within the Rotary calendar that doesn't have a "theme". This is therefore a month whereby you can emphasize anything you wish. I suggest that you think about a need that your club or community has and determine how you can make a difference. In lieu of that, you can emphasize membership, Foundation contributions, attendance, or anything else you wish. Are you including the family in your Rotary activities? Are you making all club members and guests feel welcome at each week's meeting? What else can you do to make Rotary special? I challenge **you** to become a better Rotarian. If you have members of your Rotary club that are not yet Rotarians, I challenge you to help them become a Rotarian as opposed to just being a member of Rotary.

This Rotary year is fast coming to a close. I hope it has been a good year for you and your Rotary Club. You still have time to increase membership in your clubs. Our membership numbers for the year are positive, but not nearly as good as we had wished. According to RI's March 31, 2009 report we have 2,125 members in our district. This number is up only 7 members from our July 1, 2008 number, but it is still lower than your June 30, 2008 year end number. If you have new members that have not yet been reported to RI, please do this

immediately. On the other hand, you should also notify them of any members that have resigned. RI set a goal for us to gain 212 new members. As you can see we are far short of that lofty goal. If every Rotarian would bring in a new member each year think about how our numbers could grow. We need the help of everyone to see that our Rotary Clubs remain viable. There is just so much work that needs to be done – both in our own communities and abroad – that it takes more and more people to accomplish everything. I realize that the economy is possibly a problem for some of our areas so I encourage you to be creative in helping your club at least maintain their membership and try to grow. You all know the expression, "grow or die". That definitely holds true for our organization.

I have been unofficially notified that the Rotary Foundation Trustees have decided that the "rule" to only allow transfers of \$500 points/dollars or more (after July 1, 2009) will be changed to allow transfers of \$100. "As of last Friday the Trustees have officially made the decision to lower the minimum transfer from 500 to 100 points." That is the quote from The Rotary Foundation Senior Annual Giving Officer, Heather Leet. This change should make life a little bit easier for all of us. REMEMBER – as of July 1, 2009 no transfer of points can take place unless the donator personally signed the transfer form. No transfer will be allowed from a

deceased person – unless you have previously gotten a transfer form signed by them. You might wish to consider having a "blank" form signed by all club members so that if they leave the club, you can use their points. Just something else to think about. If you club has "extra" points that it doesn't know what to do with, please let me know as I have some possible uses for these points.

As if you needed something else to think about – beginning July 1, I will be accepting nominations for District Governor to serve during the 2013 – 2014 Rotary year. It is my intention to accept these papers (from clubs) until October 31, 2009 after which time I hope the committee will be able to make their choice for Governor. The nominating committee is made up of the three most recent available Past District Governors – PDG Vivian Adams, PDG Dick Nolte, and PDG Roger Wiltz will be the three most recent Past Governors.



Happy Spring to Everyone!

Yours in Rotary,
Vivian Adams,
District Governor

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CLUB NEWS

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ROTARY PLANNING TRIP #1 TO SURINAME

January 31-February 8, 2009

Rapid City Rotarians Tracy and Sheri Settle, Blaise Emerson, Steve Bareis, Sid Goss, Larry Lytle, Freddie Eaton and Linda Peterson, and Rushmore Rotary members Mike and Georgia O'Connor returned in mid-February from being hosted by the Paramaribo Rotary clubs in Suriname. A slide presentation of the trip and their projects will be prepared. This trip was inspired by our state partnership program undertaken by the SD National Guard, Luetenant Colonel Tracy L. Settle, J5 Strategic Plans/Interagency and International Affairs, Director, State Partnership Program - Suriname 605-737-6771/DSN 747-8771 office, 605-393-5871 cell

Since connections cannot be made in one day, we flew into Miami on Saturday, overnighed Sunday, February 1, and then departed Miami on Carribean Airlines to Trinidad and Paramaribo. Touching down at 1 AM, travel weary but alert, in anticipation of arriving in a strange country, to be met by at least a dozen Rotarians at the airport gate!

We greeted all around and then loaded into a bus to a meeting point, where we dispersed to our assigned hosts.

Monday, February 2: We arrived at noon at the Corner House, the oldest building in downtown, opened just for us. We were formally greeted by Rotarian Arleen Emanuels, enjoyed a wonderful ethic lunch of Surinami and Amerindian foods. We spent the afternoon touring the downtown area with our tour guide Jacquelyn, taking pictures of the many religious centers side-by-side, statues of various leaders, and buildings of great historic value.



Dinner at Italiano Restaurant, in an outdoor patio under the stars. Great conversations with Rotarians, jokes, stories, questions on culture and business

and politics.

Tuesday, February 3: Off to Moengo, the bauxite min-

ing area and Maroon village east of Paramaribo, riding the bus on very bumpy paved roads. 95° with humidity of 93%, some showers. Lunch and dinner at Casa Blanca, bunk rooms in old US military base.

Major event: Climbed into dugout boats with 54 schoolchildren, returning to their villages on the river after school. No English spoken so we used our hands and cameras to "talk". The girls sang songs, probably revival chants from school or church. The children were shy but since we sat tucked in like sardines we smiled a lot, and they would touch our skin, trying to figure out why we were so light-colored!

When we arrived at their village, we asked to have a walk-thru and we were quietly led thru by two young men. We saw primitive conditions, no running water, no toilets or sewer, but there is electric and diesel generator power for a few TVs and the general store. We observed one young man with a cell phone! The was a dugout boat filled with freshly killed and trussed boars ready to smoke and sell.



Wednesday, February 4: Up early breakfast at Casa Blanca, then off to the bauxite mine on another bumpy unpaved road. Then back to Paramaribo with police escort again. Blaise had the opportunity to ride with the police chief, and we gave him Rotary momento and thanked him and his staff.

Washed up, changed to business clothes and attended the oldest, most formal Paramaribo Rotary club meeting that evening. Speaker was Luther, demonstrating a 7-dam water control and electrical generation project being proposed. Lacks major funding and environmental support, but very much needed by the country to continue their growth.

Thursday, February 5: Met Jacqui at Krasnapolsky Hotel with list of foods to pickup at Central Market, the largest open market in the Carribean. We were partaking in a culinary tour, hosted by master chef Patrick at Spice Quest, trained at the New York Culinary Arts



Institute. The market was a fabulous sensory experience: fresh foods, beans, spices, meats and crafts and clothing of all kinds. After gathering our supplies, we arrived at Spice Quest, a Japanese/

American restaurant. After introductions and a short history lesson, we joined Patrick, assistant chef Winston and his staff in the kitchen to prepare and cook our seven dishes for our noon meal, which we sat down to eat at 1 PM. Paramaribo Rotarians Arleen and Ben and Edward joined us.

Private tours and appointments that afternoon, then showered and dressed for the second Rotary meeting, Paramaribo Residence club. We gave our Rapid City clubs Powerpoint and tourism video presentation which was well-received. And we heard their 3 joint proposals: Community Sports Activities, Technology Lab and School Sanitation Project. This club is young and energetic, with 60-65% attendance!

Friday, February 6: Traveled by bus to Parabo river for a tour up-river, sites of abandoned Dutch sugar and rubber plantations. We stopped and toured the abandoned Jewish Settlement called Jodensavanne. Then walked approximately 2 miles thru the jungle to Redi Doti (red dirt) an Amerindian village, not many residents in sight and no activity. We got back to the boats and went a ways downriver for lunch, which was catered under an open-air thatched patio. Our guide was Jacqui again, very knowledgeable!

That evening we were treated to a cocktails and appetizers social in Otto's Grotto, and then joined in a farewell party for a Parbo Beer manager, Parbo is owned by Heinekin Brewery out of Denmark.



Saturday-Sunday, February 7-8: We started out this 2-day retreat by visiting several local craftsmen, Maroon woodcarvings and Amerindian pottery, which we could purchase. Then on to Republiex for overnight stay at a private resort. This was located on another bumpy water-logged road, next to Cola Creek. The lodge consisted of a main patio shelter attached to a fully-equipped kitchen, bunkhouses, storage shed, public bathrooms, and a thatched fire

pit. We swam in the creek which was the color of coca-cola, stained by tree leaves. It rained the entire time but it is a warm wet rain as compared to our cold dry rain!! (see Steve for engineer's explanation!) We slept in the bunkbeds, except for Mike and Blaise who enjoyed the hammocks. It was a quiet day after much food and talk into the night before. Our hosts look tired, its been a busy week!

Back to our hosts Sunday evening to pack and go to the airport at 4 AM. Monday morning. We were generously entertained, well-fed and hosted by Rotarians and we thanked them! We also invited them to visit our state in the summer, and dates are being discussed.

Impressions: This is a young democracy within a country with a long history. The people are young, positive, ready to change the rules to make it a better place to live. The women are strong and not inclined to have men always in charge. Their economy is good, but with inflation on the rise. They are mostly concerned with a change in political leadership with elections scheduled in 2010.

Language: Dutch-Surinami mix. English anytime we spoke with them.

Taki taki slang: "na spong" no problem. "gran tangya" big thank you.

Food and drink: very good, huge choice from many cultures. Juice of many different fruits. Local rum, American whiskey, Parbo beer and wines from everywhere.

Brookings



Six members of the Brookings business community were recently inducted into the Brookings Rotary Club. Joining the group were: Natalie Hoffmann, Mary Kidwiler, Ruth Schroeder, Jason Petersen, Suzanne Hegg, David Jones and Ken Knudtson.

Destination Tanzania



The entrance to the Moshono Campus of the School of St. Jude. There are 450 students at this campus from Prep level to 8th grade. This is the original campus and many of the buildings here were built by volunteer Rotary groups.



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Dr. Willis and Pat Sutliff spent the month of March in Tanzania, East Africa. Most of this time was spent at the School of St. Jude where the Sutliffs and the Rapid City Rushmore Rotary Club sponsor several students. Rapid City Rushmore Rotary also



participated in a Rotary International matching grant to provide some school buses for the school and have donated money for other school projects. This trip was for Dr. Willis to do the annual screening physical for the 1148 students at the school and Pat helped out with weighing and measuring each student. The school is a fantastic place where the very poorest children in the area get an excellent free education. The education is free because of people around the world who sponsor the students for \$1000 Australian dollars per year. (That is about \$750 US right now.) Needless to say the present economic conditions are making things tighter at the school and they always need more sponsors. For more information go to e-mail: schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz Website: www.schoolofstjude.co.tz

Dr. Willis is checking some ears as part of the medical screen. All but two of the students were seen and it is amazing how healthy the kids are. Part of this is due to the hot meal served at the school each day. The main problems picked up were tooth decay, too much wax in ear canals, need for glasses, and asthma. If there was a problem the students were referred to a local physician.



Each child was weighed and measured and these numbers were recorded so growth can be monitored. The kids were so excited to hear how tall they are.

Resources for club officers

Rotary International offers many resources to help club officers understand their roles and responsibilities and help their club achieve its goals. Effective clubs are able to

- Sustain or increase their membership base
- Implement successful service projects that address the needs of their community and communities in other countries
- Support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation

Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

Club president

- *Club President's Manual* -- A key resource for incoming presidents that details roles and responsibilities and includes discussion questions and worksheets for the district assembly and the presidents-elect training seminar.
- *Club Leadership Plan* -- A brief publication that describes the recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. It's based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs.
- *Club President's Monthly Checklist* -- A monthly reminder of activities and deadlines that apply to all Rotary clubs; revised annually and sent by your RI Club and District Support representative
- *Presidential Citation Brochure* -- This outlines the Presidential Citation program

Strategic Planning Guide -- It helps clubs develop a long-range vision and serves as a framework for establishing goals.

Club secretary

Club Secretary's Manual -- It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club secretaries

Club treasurer

- *The Club Treasurer's Manual* -- It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club treasurers

For all club leaders

- *TRF Global Contribution Form* -- This document that should accompany contributions and donor appreciation requests to The Rotary Foundation
- *Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program* -- This provides guidelines and resources for developing a leadership development program
- *RI Catalog* -- A list of RI publications, audiovisual programs, forms, and supplies, updated annually. Available in print and online at shop.rotary.org.
- *RI Visual Identity Guide* -- A reference for the design of publications at all levels of Rotary. Includes information on the proper use of the Rotary emblem, the Rotary colors, elements of good publications, grids and page layouts, typography, graphics, and photographs.
- *Member Access* -- The members-only area of the RI Web site that allows Rotarians to contribute to The Rotary Foundation, manage their e-mail subscriptions from RI, register for meetings, download administrative software, and access member benefits. Club presidents, treasurers, and secretaries have access to additional club reports and records.



**Henry David Thoreau:
Quotes on Dreams**

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined.



DK Lee, President of Rotary International Monthly Message

In this issue of *The Rotarian* and in all regional Rotary magazines this month, you will find a new edition of Global Outlook. It takes a close look at the problem of child survival, and what Rotarians are doing about it. I hope that you will be inspired by the accounts of what your fellow Rotarians are accomplishing – and motivated to expand your own club’s work against child mortality. When I first chose *Make Dreams Real* as my theme and asked Rotarians to focus on reducing the rate of child mortality, I was confident that we would be able to make a real difference. I knew that the same areas that are critical for saving children’s lives – water, health and hunger, and literacy – are the areas in which Rotary service excels. And I knew that Rotarians are overwhelmingly the kind of people who would be inspired to work toward this goal. Still, the way that Rotarians have responded has exceeded even my own hopes. Our club and district projects are saving lives, one at a time, with determination and with success. And as we all work together to eliminate polio, we know that we are saving lives for generations to come.

In the months since Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge was announced, I have had many opportunities to explain to Rotarians just why it is vital that we work to bring so much new funding to the polio eradication effort in so short a time. The answer, put simply, is that we are at a critical, and I believe final, stage in the campaign. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. All present obstacles to the eradication effort, such as war, unreliable infrastructure, difficult terrain, poor sanitation, and high birthrates. In India’s Uttar Pradesh alone, 500,000 children are born every month. And in this region, the usual number of vaccine doses required to confer immunity – six – must be doubled. Why? Because the children there are exposed to so many different viruses and carry so many different bacteria, all of which “compete” with the oral polio vaccine.

To wipe out polio in these final four countries will take a coordinated effort of intensity and strength, requiring the support and participation of many individuals and organizations. We in Rotary have been part of the polio eradication effort from the beginning, and we are committed to seeing it through to the end. In this way, we know that we will *Make Dreams Real* – not only in this Rotary year but for generations to come.

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